

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY | 11:00 AM | FEBRUARY 11, 2024

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Tune: CORONATION (1792), arr. Diane Bish

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

INTROIT

All That Hath Life and Breath
Rene Clausen

Chancel Choir

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Drew West
Assistant Minister of Families and Children

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. West and People

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic, and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of Man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

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*GLORIA PATRI

MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. West

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

"The peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

MINISTRY MOMENT: SOUPER BOWL III

Janet Baileys

*HYMN 371

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence and **People**
Associate Minister

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

FIRST READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

Rev. Lawrence

³Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." ⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." ⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Short and **People**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
John B. Dykes, 1866, arr. Benjamin Harlan

Chancel Choir

*Jesus the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.
No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mem'ry find
a sweeter sound than Jesus' name, O Savior of mankind.
O hope of ev'ry contrite heart! O joy of all the meek!
To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!
But what to those who find! Ah! This no tongue or pen can show
the love of Jesus, what it is, none but His loved ones know.*

*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above,
ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Short

Children ages 4 years through 2nd grade are invited to attend Wonders of Worship in Room B225.
Children 3rd grade and older are encouraged to stay in the sanctuary for the service.
The nursery is available for infants through 3 years.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

Rev. Lawrence

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Listen Up"

Rev. Short

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rev. Short

Holy God, mighty and immortal,
you are beyond our knowing,
yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ,
whose compassion illumines the world.
Let us listen to your call to love
so that we may resemble Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever. **Amen.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew
Nancy Byers
Richard Clayton
Karen Davis

Robbie Gray
Martha Hale
Tangie Hubbard
Cindy Jennings

Doris Kerlin
Mike Leonard
Jerry Light
Nancy Ricciardi

Ingrid Shields
Brenda Tierman
Helen Voyles
Paul Wiley

In Memoriam
Kenneth Russell "Red" Benefield
February 6, 2024

In Memoriam
William "Bill" Trice
February 6, 2024

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Linda Benefield and Seth and Laura Benefield and family upon the death of Linda's husband and Seth's father, Kenneth Russell "Red" Benefield, on February 6.

Martha Trice and family upon the death of her husband, William "Bill" Trice, on February 6.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God

and in honor of Mickey Robinson by Rev. Charles Robinson.

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